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Local units support CALCM advancements

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE
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With the help of several units at many different locations, a test group from the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron successfully tested a conventional air-launched cruise missile March 23.

The test involved coordination with agencies from here and at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., Offut Air Force Base, Neb., Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and the Boeing corporation in Seattle.

Barksdale units that were involved include the 49th TES, 2d Munitions Squadron and 11th Aircraft Maintenance Unit in the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Maj. Robert Bender, 49th TES training flight commander and CALCM unit project officer and test director for the mission, said the process involved for this test took well over a year and was a true team effort to complete.

Master Sgt. David Johnson, 11th AMU assistance weapons section chief, said that about 20 members from the 11th AMU were involved in the support of the CALCM test. Sergeant Johnson said the unit uploaded the CALCM package on March 15 and then turned it over to the 49th TES for the next week. Then after the launch March 23, the unit recovered the back-up missile that afternoon and downloaded it March 24.

Senior Master Sgt. Andy Franklin, 2d Munitions Squadron CALCM flight chief, said that the hard work and knowledge of his flight are large contributors to the success of the Weapon System Evaluation Program and viability of the weapon system.

Master Sgt. Liza Spring, 2d MUNS missile

maintenance section chief, said it took approximately 20 CALCM flight members working eight duty days to complete all associated maintenance to get three missiles ready for the flight test.

Sergeant Spring explained that, with this test, there were certain objectives that needed to be validated to ensure the CALCM-D does what it was designed to do.

Major Bender explained what the 49th TES objectives were for the recent test.

"This test verified new terminal maneuver and GPS processing software to help ensure the accuracy of the AGM-86D CALCM Penetrator Missile," the major said. "In addition it validated new Mission Planning software used by 608th Air Operations Group, Det. 1 at Offut AFB, who plans all cruise missile missions for aircrews."

Major Bender explained that these tests are important to continually validate and update stockpiled weapons to ensure their viability when they need to be used. He added that while most weapons are validated at least once a year, the CALCM weapons have been around long enough and there is enough data for them that they are not required to be tested every year, but now only when there is a significant change.

Major Bender said the test was a huge success.

"These tests are critical so that when aircrews fly into harm's way to employ a weapon, they know it's going to function as it's supposed to and their time was not wasted," the major said. "Our wing motto is 'We find the problems so the warfighters don't.' That basically sums up our philosophy and why we test."

Major Bender said the next CALCM test is scheduled in August and will include an AGM-86C weapon.






Senior Airman Sonya Padilla/2d CS

Airman 1st Class Craig Owen, 2d Munitions Squadron missile handling technician, works to download the conventional air-launched cruise missile as part of the final stages of the unit's support of the 49th Test and Evaluation CALCM test. The 2d MUNS and 49th TES worked with members of the 11th Aircraft Maintenance Unit in the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to complete the test.

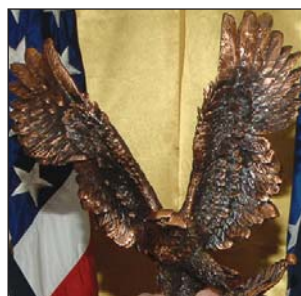
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Flown:	85	0	51
Remaining:	0	0	0
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Welcome Chief Popp ACC/CCC



Current events show "TWO"

BY COL. DANIEL CHARCHIAN
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

I have had the distinct privilege and honor of being your 2d Bomb Wing commander for just more than six months. Again, and again, you have demonstrated that you are totally focused on mission excellence — the "T" in the Commander's vector "TWO."

During this time frame, you have successfully redeployed more than 500 Airmen from Air and Space Expeditionary Force 7 and 8 and deployed more than 800 members as part of AEF 9 and 10.

Your efforts guarantee the United States is able to continue to prosecute the Global War on Terrorism. In addition, during this time frame, the 2d BW also successfully accomplished a Logistics Standardization Evaluation; an Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Evaluation; and a Program Management (Safety) Evaluation.

You are not only following the commander's vector of total fo-

cus on mission excellence, you are also living our core value of excellence in all we do.

The Airmen and the actions of the Mighty Deuce and Team Barksdale continue to impress me and amaze me. This week was no exception.

During wing stand-up Wednesday, the installation Air Force Assistance Fund project officer briefed the wing staff that Barksdale had achieved its contact goal of 100 percent and was zeroing in on its monetary goal.

I want to thank the squadron, group, and wing project officers. You are living our core value of service before self. I also want to thank each and every one who has participated in this campaign. You are great wingmen. The Air Force Assistance Fund is focused on Airmen taking care of Airmen. You can still contribute to this worthy cause; the campaign is open until Friday.

Yesterday, more than 100 of you took time out of your work schedules and attended the Women's History Month luncheon. You listened closely to Mrs.

Wendy Vitter's words as she discussed how women throughout our history have been the builders of communities and dreams. I want to acknowledge your taking advantage of this opportunity for personal growth — which is the "O" in the commander's vector.

I was also briefed during wing standup that more than 200 volunteers from Team Barksdale are participating in Saturday's Massing of the Colors at Airline High School at 1 p.m. This is going to be a first of its kind event — an Olympic-style parade of all of this great nation's flags. I want to thank all the volunteers who are working together as a team to put on this historic event. I thank you for setting the example and following the "W" in the commander's vector.

Whether it is at the macro level — the transition from AEF 7 and 8 to AEF 9 and 10 — or at the micro level, this week, the 2d Bomb Wing and Team Barksdale are shining examples of our core values and have embraced the commander's vector — thank you.

Action Line: Facing the wrong way at the pump

Query: I experienced a significant problem at the base service station and wanted to bring it to your attention. I was recently driving while towing my boat trailer and found it necessary to drive up to the gas pumps from the other direction (from the shoppette side) and was informed that I can only get gas if my vehicle is facing the front of the building. The way the pump is set up, when I am towing my

boat trailer, the hoses simply won't reach. Is there anything being done to accommodate for this type of situation?

Response: Thank you for your comment regarding the gas lanes at the AAFES service station. Although AAFES tries to construct their gas stations incorporating two-way traffic flow, when ours was built, our command and base safety office determined that one-

way traffic was best for our particular station to avoid accidents and to keep the traffic flowing. We are not the only base with this type of setup as a recent survey of 27 AAFES gasoline locations showed that 92 percent had one-way traffic flow. It is recommended that all vehicles hauling boats and trailers and oversized vehicles use the gas pumps at either end of the islands as the end spaces have more turning area.

ATSO Question of the Week

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Daniel Charchian
2d Bomb Wing Commander

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Changes ahead

Core values helpful when changes are made

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608TH STRATEGIC OPERATIONS SQUADRON
COMMANDER

When I was asked to write this article, I knew it would be a “no brainer.” Since I feel very strongly about our Air Force core values, an article based on this topic would practically write itself. Then someone moved my cheese (literary apologies to Dr. Spencer Johnson, author of “Who Moved My Cheese,” a highly recommended reading on the subject).

Based on current events in our unit, my deputy suggested that I write about change.

My deputy saw that I had some experience managing change. Along with the institutional changes I’ve experienced during my 20 years with the Air Force, my most recent assignment required me to be able to manage change. I spent three years at a joint command where my office symbol and supervisor changed about every nine months. I’m gaining more experience as my current unit is transforming, but we are not the

only blue-suiters who have to manage change.

The entire AF is dealing with transformation or change. AF members are deploying to many new spots on the globe in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Our leaders are implementing organizational changes to provide better support to combatant commanders. Resource managers are considering budget cuts to legacy platforms. Leaders must then decide whether to apply these savings toward upgrading combat-proven systems or advancing new concepts. Last, and certainly not least, current force shaping initiatives are impacting many of our fellow Airmen.

Fortunately, those who adhere to our core values won’t be shaken by these changes. Integrity, our first core value, will produce strength and courage in the face of change. I tell the professionals in my unit that doing the right thing takes courage. If we practice integrity, it doesn’t matter who we are reporting to, what our organization looks like, or where we work. When called upon, you

are driven to do the right thing despite changes to the operating environment. While integrity allows us to deal with change, it also helps create a servant attitude in us.

A great individual once suggested that the greatest among us is the one who chooses to serve. This best illustrates service before self, our second core value. Regardless of how our Air Force evolves, change won’t hinder the individual who has decided to put service before self. Of course, the faithful servant must speak up when, in his or her opinion, the change negatively impacts the mission. Leaders proposing the change are required to consider their subordinate’s input because the leader also desires to put the needs of our Air Force first. However, a commitment to integrity and service will not completely equip you to weather the storms of change. Excellence must also be considered.

The change has less impact if you observe our third core value and demonstrate excellence in all you do while implementing the change. In flying, the

safest, most effective processes become checklist procedures. The best pilots demonstrate excellence by error-free execution of checklist items. When procedures change, the checklists change; but the change does not rock the pilot. The pilot committed to excellence (adherence to the checklists) embraces the new checklist procedures and soon executes them as well as he/she had executed the previous checklists. Change has less impact on the AF member committed to excellence.

In Dr. Johnson’s book, one character realizes that “old beliefs do not lead you to new cheese.” The “cheese” in this case is whatever you define as success for you or your organization. If we define success as being the most advanced Air Force in the world, we must change or transform. The initial response of many is to get angry and reject transformation. Wouldn’t it be much better if we could smile about it and move on? Instilling our core values allows us to continue to function when the cheese moves.



Outshining the best

Three Barksdale members receive 8th AF award

STAFF REPORT

Seven 8th Air Force members received outstanding member of the year awards March 18, including three Airmen from Barksdale.

The nominees for the annual awards started their visit March 16 with a professional development trip to historic Natchitoches to visit Fort Jean-Baptiste, the first military installation built in the Louisiana Territory.

The group then returned back to Barksdale for an ice breaker at the 8th Air Force Museum.

"This was the perfect opportunity for them to get to meet the other nominees and have a little fun," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Sullivan, 8th Air Force command chief. "We would especially like to thank the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council, who sponsored the entire event."

The nominees were given an 8th Air Force mission brief and several updates on 8th Air Force March 17 before having lunch with 8th Air Force command chiefs and practicing for the main event, the 8th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year banquet. The guest speaker for this year's event was baseball legend Tommy Lasorda.

"The banquet's theme was, 'Every Generation has its Heroes,'" Chief Sullivan said. "We brought Mr. Lasorda in because he is a true patriot. He served in the Army, and his appeal and message reaches across the generations."

Mr. Lasorda spoke to the group about being winners and leaders, and praised their commitment to their country. In his online Web log, Mr. Lasorda later wrote, "Those people being honored are my heroes, as are the people who put their lives on the line to protect our country, who fight for the ideal of freedom, and who represent the citizens of our land, the American Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Midshipmen."

He added, "I want them all to know that they have my appreciation and respect, as I am overwhelmed and inspired by their unwavering patriotism and unyielding commitment."

The local Airmen who received awards are Ms. Connie Shirley, 2d Contracting Squadron, Master Sgt. Scott Parson, 2d Operations Group, and Senior Master Sgt. Joseph May, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight.

Ms. Shirley is the director of business operations and deputy squadron commander for 2nd CONS. She has also been appointed as the small business specialist for the 2d Bomb Wing. She began her contracting career here in 1977 as a procurement assistant and clerk. Her awards include many Superior Performance Awards and a Notable Achievement Award.

Sergeant Parson is the first sergeant for 2d OG and is the primary advisor to the four squadron commanders and the group commander in regards to the morale, welfare and discipline of more than 600 people. He has deployed to Southwest Asia five times in support of Operation Desert Shield, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant May is the Superintendent for the 2d CES EOD flight. In 1997, Sergeant May received the highest peacetime decoration for heroism for risking his life to save 72 others after a rocket detonated over a launch pad at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. In 2005, Sergeant May's significant contributions to the local community were honored with his selection as a Bossier Parish Chamber of Commerce Patriot of the Year.

Chief Sullivan said that this recognition is part of an Airman's development, which is leadership's responsibility at every level – from the youngest, frontline supervisor through general officers.

"Excellence is one of our core values, and recognizing those who not only attain but also sustain that level over a period of time is something we should do as leaders," the chief said.

Chief Sullivan said he has received several awards throughout his career, including senior NCO of the year and Professional Military Education commandant of the

year, and said that the awards have positively affected him throughout all the levels of his career.

"When I was a young Airman and received Airman of the quarter or crew chief of the month, the award kept me motivated and validated my effort," the chief said. "Some Airmen are happy with status quo and are just doing the job and going home, but I wanted more out of the Air Force and I was willing to do more and the Air Force recognized that."

Chief Sullivan said he hopes the members who were recognized are affected the same way he was affected.

"These awards should validate that leaders do pay attention and care about them and do recognize who takes those extra efforts," the chief said.

"It will validate to both groups of members in 8th Air Force – keeping the good members working hard to stay at this level, and show the members who are on the fence that senior leaders pay attention and care about them know."

Staff Sgt. David Young, 8th AF command section information manager, also said Airmen like to receive recognition for their hard work.

"When Airmen get a pat on the back and are shown that their work is being appreciated, their morale stays up and this allows them to accomplish the mission," the sergeant said.

Sergeant Young said he received an Airman of the Month award about ten years ago, and said receiving the recognition made him feel good, like someone was appreciating what he was doing.

"When you're working hard and your work is not going unnoticed, it shows you that your actually appreciated," Sergeant Young said.

The other 8th AF members who won awards are Senior Airman Bryce Wadell, 9th Civil Engineer Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, Calif.; Capt. Leland Cowie, formerly of 8th AF headquarters; Tech. Sgt. Brian Mcgee, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.; and Mr. Mickey Hook, 9th CES, Beale AFB.

Members make their voices heard through survey

BY INTEGRATED DELIVERY SYSTEM WORKING GROUP

The Integrated Delivery System Working Group is sponsoring the 2006 Community Assessment Survey of service members, spouses, reservists and reserve spouses.

This survey is the best way for Air Force community members to make their opinions and needs known. The results of the survey will be used by base leadership and the Air Force to target resources where they are most needed and enhance the well-being of the Barksdale community.

Air Force community members at Air Force bases worldwide will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out to the work email address of each active duty member selected to participate (spouses will be sent a letter in the mail with the Web link). Participation is crucial to the success of the project; selected service members are strongly urged to take part.

"The 2006 Community Assessment

Survey is a top priority," said Col. Daniel Charchian, 2d Bomb Wing commander. "It is the best way for us to listen to community members and then provide services to help them meet their needs and the needs of their families. It allows them to express their opinions anonymously so participants can respond openly and honestly to issues that affect them every day."

Survey responses can directly influence family services and related support activities at local bases and throughout the Air Force. In fact, results from previous Air Force Community Assessments have affected the policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force, to include:

- Expanding financial counseling programs to members and their families
- Developing a user-friendly support network for AF single parents
- Setting up marriage support seminars for junior enlisted members and their spouses

"The 2006 Community Assessment Survey provides community members a wonderful opportunity to improve the Air

Force Community," said Col. Charchian. "We hope those selected will do everything they can to respond to the survey as quickly as possible."

This year's survey at Barksdale will be particularly important. As part of a Department of Defense sponsored initiative, this year's Community Assessment, along with some supplemental questions, will be used to direct additional resources to help service members and families base wide. Base agencies will be working with researchers to ensure that this year's sur-

vey results are used to maximum benefit.

Chaplain (Capt.) Leslie Janovec, Barksdale integrated delivery system chair, said there will be about 1,700 surveys sent out and she hopes 1,000 are answered.

Chaplain Janovec added that the survey shows leadership where there are needs so they can see them and then respond to them.

Call Chaplain Janovec at 456-2111 for more information about the 2006 Community Assessment.



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Local members enjoy military ball

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE
THE BOMBARDIER

The Holiday in Dixie military ball gave about 400 Barksdale and local community members the opportunity to take part in a military tradition Saturday.

Although the ball, which was held at Hoban Hall, didn't have an official theme, the commanders of the local units chose to show off the military in general.

Maj. Sean Coveney, 608th Combat Planning Squadron combat plans and senior military project officer for the ball, explained that the military ball is Barksdale's portion of local Holiday in Dixie events. The major added that the ball allows

Barksdale to open its gates to the community in a night of celebration and thanks.

"We focused on a balance of military polish and fun for our civilian guests, and in keeping with that, rather than have just musical entertainment this year, we went with an historical video titled "Celebra-ting 8th Air Force: Heroes Past and Present" to really show what service the base provides," the major said.

The ball included a parade of commanders and the United States and United Kingdom national anthems. The U.K. anthem was included because there is a Royal Air Force exchange officer in the 8th AF and because of the diplomatic relation between 8th AF and England.

(Retired) Col. John Odom, ball chairman, who has been involved with the Holiday in Dixie military ball for 22 years, said one thing that was different with this year's ball was the presentation of guidons from all the regional units that are deployed or have deployed members. After 46 guidons were paraded into the hall by local military members, 8th AF commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Chilton proposed a toast to warriors who were and are engaged in combat.

Major Coveney said something new this year was that the ball was open to all ranks on base.

"We were able to draw a few young members in, and hopefully that will continue," the major said.

Another addition to the ball was airplane art and historic 2d Bomb Wing and 8th AF shields that Mr. Buck Rigg, 8th AF museum director, created.

"It's the most amazing thing you've ever seen, and Mr. Rigg did it with only \$400 for supplies and everything," Mr. Odom said. "They had thought the artwork would be used just for ball, but it's the most amazing display of aircraft ever flown by 8th (AF) Air Force and through Barksdale so people are working to try to make these a permanent part of Hoban Hall."

Mr. Rigg explained that emblems and aircraft, which measured at least four feet in length or width, lined the ball room along three walls. One wall was dedicated to each of the three major organizations residing on Barksdale. He added that the artwork was approved by 8th AF and hand-drawn, cut out and hand-painted by the museum's staff and by volunteers from 8th AF and the First Term Airman's Center.

Mr. Odom said that while he has been involved with the military ball, he has seen improvements to Hoban Hall through re-

modeling and the addition of theatrical lighting three years ago.

"The military ball used to be a totally different production with 8th Air Force here and we didn't have to go off-base for anything, but now we have to plan in advance for the ceremonial and dance portions of the ball," Mr. Odom said.

Mr. Odom also said that he thinks members enjoy the presentation of the service colors and the national anthems the most, as it allows them to take great pride in what they do for a living. He added that this year's band, the 531st Air Force Band, was an outstanding dance band.

"We couldn't have paid \$5,000 and gotten a better band," Mr. Odom said. "I think there was more dancing this year than during the last ten years because we had a great band."

Master Sgt. Georgina Yates, 8th AF Standards and Evaluations inspector, said she thought the addition of the guidons of the deployed members was a great addition. She also liked the dance music and said the large turnout made the ball even better.

"I am glad we had a large audience and hope next year more people attend," she said.

Major Coveney that he has been to many formal events at other locations and the one thing about this year's ball that really stood out to him was the great time everyone seemed to have.

"It's not often that a base opens its gates for a social event and I think we really put a good spin on it and attracted a great crowd," the major said. "That really contributes to the fun of the evening."

Mr. Odom said he has been to formal events in Washington and at Offut Air Force Base, Neb.

"I think our (military) ball is better than the others, to tell you the truth," he concluded.



Master Sgt. Michael Kaplan/2d CS

Barksdale members packed the dance floor during the Holiday in Dixie military ball Saturday night. (Retired) Col. John Odom, ball chairman, said he thinks there was more dancing this year because of the 531st Air Force Band performance.

Historic aircraft becomes military ball display

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE
THE BOMBARDIER

Most attendees of the military ball last Saturday made their way home Saturday evening, but one guest required the help of many Airmen to make its way home Monday morning.

A historic aircraft from the 8th Air Force museum rested outside Hoban Hall during the military ball.

Mr. Buck Rigg, museum director, said although a B-17 used to be displayed during the military ball until it was moved to its current location, the P-51 is a mobile aircraft, which is the main reason it was chosen.

"As much as we would like to have our B-17 on display at the military ball, because it better represents our mission of bombardment, because of logistics,

that would have been impossible," Mr. Rigg said.

Mr. Rigg added that from 1978 to 1989, all the aircraft were displayed at the ball because they were all on the ramp.

Mr. Rigg said the second reason the P-51 was chosen is because it represents the 8th AF's legacy, which was one of the themes for the ball.

"The P-51 is painted up in the colors of Shreveport Ace William Whisner when he flew in 8th Air Force's 352d Fighter Group," Mr. Rigg explained.

(Retired) Col. John Odom, ball chairman, explained that P-51 aircraft were escort fighters for 8th AF bombers during World War II and this is the specific historical tie to 8th AF.

Mr. Odom said that for the military ball, the P-51 is usually nestled up under an A-10, but

that's not how they appeared this year.

"It really shows you how small the P-51 is compared with the A-10, which is not at all considered a small airplane," Mr. Odom said.

Mr. Odom added that he likes it better when the two aircraft are displayed nestled together.

"The fact that the P-51 can fit underneath the wing — the tail doesn't even touch the bottom of the wing — really shows you just how small the escorts for 8th AF bombers flying to Germany in the 1940s really were."

Mr. Rigg said the military ball is a must attend event for people who really want to see military ceremony at its best.

"I guarantee you will feel even more proud to be a part of the U.S. Air Force after attending this annual event," he concluded.



Senior Airman Sonya Padilla/2d CS

Members from 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron push the P-51 aircraft near the 2d Maintenance Group building March 24 as they head towards Hoban Hall. The P-51 traveled from the museum to Hoban Hall as a static display for the military ball last weekend, and it returned home to the museum Monday.



News briefs

Volunteers

The Red Cross is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions for the upcoming hurricane season. Call Ms. Anne Briggs, director of volunteers for Red Cross in Shreveport, at 865-9545 or red-cross@louisianaredcross.org for more information or to volunteer.

Civilian education call

The academic year 2007 call for Civilian Developmental Education has been officially announced. Information on CDE can be found on the Air Force Personnel Center website, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. The program open to eligible civilians in grades GS-12 through 15 who are interested in developing leadership and management competencies. Complete packages are due to Civilian Personnel today. For more information contact Ms. Rene Daniels at 456-3636.

SOS, ASBC call

Squadron Officer School and Air and Space Basic Course nomination packages for academic year 2007 are due to the civilian personnel office May 19. Procedures, nomination form (AF Form 4059) and physical requirements can be found at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. Call Ms. Rene Daniels at 456-3636 for more information.

FWPC meeting

The Federal Women's Program Committee will meet at noon Tuesday in the Chapel One annex. This committee promotes equal employment of women for the federal civilian jobs on base and membership is open to all. Feel free to bring a lunch. Call Mrs. Jennifer Washington at 456-3337 for more information.

Dental assistant class

There will be a dental assisting class May 1 through October. The deadline for applications is April 21. Visit the Dental Clinic for an application if interested. Call Master Sgt. Cynthia Addison or Tech. Sgt. Krista Wealton at 456-4018 for more information.

AAFES events

Grand opening

The grand opening of the UPS Store is 10 a.m. April 7 in the base exchange. Visit the BX or call Ms. Jeanette Dunmire at 741-3243 for more information.

Outdoor Living

The BX Annual Outdoor Living Grand Opening and Spring Fashion Show April 8. Call Ms. Brenda Ovalle, BX sales and merchandise manager, for more information.

Car Care overview

The AAFES Car Care Center will have its first Car Care Overview from noon to 12:30 p.m. April 8. The class will teach spouses of deployed service members how to maintain their vehicles and will include basics on oil changes, checking tires and other minor maintenance issues. The overview is aimed primarily at spouses of

deployed service members but everyone is welcome to attend. Call Mr. Bob Strawn at 746-5662 for more information.

Bark in the Park

A pet show is April 15 at the main BX. The deadline for pets to be registered is April 13. Call Ms. Brenda Ovalle, BX sales and merchandise manager, for more information.

Heating to cooling

Air conditioning systems in base buildings are either on cool or heat and cannot be rapidly switched back and forth. Beginning the second week of April, civil engineers will start taking requests to switch from heating to cooling. Timing is a choice, but once the change is made, the system will remain on cool until the fall. Commanders or facility managers should make a request through the Engineer Control Center at 456-3071, or call the ECC for more information.

Massing of the colors

The massing of the colors ceremony is 1 p.m. Saturday at Airline High School Stadium in Bossier City. There will be historic, military and state flags on display. There will also be a B-52 flyover. To participate or for more information contact Master Sgt. Michael Gibson at 456-4957 or through email at michael.gibson@barksdale.af.mil

Wing Will Day

Saturday, May 6, is designated as "Wing Will Day" for 917th Wing members. To schedule an appointment, please call 2d BW Judicial Affairs at 456-2562 prior to the May unit training assembly. You may also call 917th WG Judicial Affairs during the April unit training assembly at 456-8144.

Eagle Eyes

Air Force Office of Special Investigation Detachment 219 reminds everyone to fight terrorism and criminal activity by keeping an eagle eye out for the following suspicious behaviors: surveillance, elicitation, tests of security, acquiring supplies, suspicious people, dry run and deploying assets. Call 456-2551 to report suspicious activity 24 hours a day.

Palace Chase information

Anyone who wants to learn more about early separation under the Palace Chase program is invited to attend a mass briefing at 2 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month in the 2d Bomb Wing military personnel flight building, room 211. Call Tech. Sgt. Briana Ontiveros, in-service recruiter, at 456-1930 for more information.

Cable problems

Please report all official cable television issues (i.e. outages, snowy screen or poor reception) to the 2d Communications Squadron communication control center at 456-4095 including building number, room number and what problems the cable is having. This does not include cable television in base housing.



Airman 1st Class Tabitha Gracie/2d CS

Col. Daniel Charchian, 2d Bomb Wing commander, presents an award from the 2d BW to Mr. Hollis Conway at the National Prayer Breakfast March 23 in appreciation of Mr. Conway's visit. At the event, Mr. Conway talked about tapping into an individual's full potential. About 400 people attended the breakfast.

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PRO Safety

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Megan Hewitt

Seatbelt safety

First impact — just the beginning

BY 2D BOMB WING SAFETY OFFICE

What many people fail to realize is that in most vehicle accidents the occupants experience two separate impacts.

The first impact occurs when the vehicle hits another object. In many cases, the initial impact may not be enough to cause grave harm, but a second impact which follows is frequently the culprit in automobile injuries.

The second impact occurs inside the car, as the force from the impact turns the occupants and any other unrestrained objects into flying projectiles, slamming them into the dashboard, windshield or other parts inside of the vehicle.

Unlike a vehicle that can be easily repaired or replaced, the human body is not so easy to repair and is impossible to replace.

Nothing can prevent the second impact during a collision. The only thing that can be done is to reduce its severity. Fortunately, there is a device designed for just that purpose — a seatbelt.

The seatbelt wraps across the torso and waist of the occupant to spread the load and give the body something softer to absorb the force of the collision. It al-

so helps prevent injuries caused by impact with the unyielding surfaces of metal and plastic inside the car.

Americans love baseball, hotdogs, apple pie and wearing seatbelts. Well, maybe some Americans are not too thrilled about wearing seatbelts after all, according to statistics compiled by the National Highway Traffic Administration. In 1997, the United States logged 17,131 traffic fatalities in which restraints were not used. The state of Louisiana accounted for 367 of those incidents.

Many new cars also come equipped with airbags. Airbags can give passengers a false sense of security. In fact, the deployment of an air bag alone during a high impact collision will not be enough to save lives in many cases. Airbags are designed to compliment seatbelts, not replace them.

What choice is there? Without the belt, a person can look forward to skull fractures, facial lacerations, broken teeth, broken ribs, internal injuries or in the worst case scenario, death.

The final decision is up to the driver and the passengers.

Make the choice to wear the seat belt, because if the first impact doesn't hurt them, the second one just might.



Scam targets TSP members

BY SAMANTHA QUIGLEY
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a "phishing" scam, an official with the board administering the program said.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an "attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited e-mail to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information."

Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via e-mail, Mr. Trabucco said.

"Do not respond to unsolicited e-mail, and never give out information of a personal nature (through) unsolicited e-mails," he said.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board alerted Thrift Savings Plan coordinators to the scam in a March 17 memo, the day after the scam was discovered. The memo described it as an unsolicited e-mail with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan's account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient's social security and Thrift Savings Plan personal identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, he said, adding that this information can be used to steal an individual's identity.

As long as participants have not responded to this scam e-mail, their accounts have not been compromised, investment board officials wrote in the memo. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately for guidance. They should also call the Thrift Savings Plan at (877) 968-3778 and ask to have their account access blocked, according to the memo.

Phishing e-mails generally appear to be from a business or organization the recipient may deal with, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert issued in June 2005. It may request that the recipient update, validate or confirm account information, the alert said.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any e-mail, according to the memo.

Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan's Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

The thrift plan is a retirement savings plan for 3.6 million federal civilians and servicemembers, Mr. Trabucco said. Officials don't know how many plan participants the scam has affected, but the FBI is investigating.



Staff Sgt. Doug Nicodemus/AFP

Close air support

Airman 1st Class Ben Davis refuels a B-52 Stratofortress bomber from a KC-135 Stratotanker during a mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The B-52 provides close air support for ground troops in Afghanistan. Airman Davis is a boom operator assigned to the 28th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron.

JDAM proves warfighter's weapon of choice

BY STAFF SGT. RYAN HANSEN
AIR ARMAMENT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

To call yourself the Airman warfighter's weapon of choice is one thing, but it's quite another to go out and back it up.

Since its debut in 1999, the Joint Direct Attack Munition, or JDAM, has been called upon more than 15,000 times and continues to be used in the global war on terrorism.

JDAM is a tail kit that turns an unguided dumb bomb, already in the warfighter's arsenal, into an accurate smart munition. These new smart weapons are available to the warfighter in four variants: the 2,000-pound MK-84, the 2,000-pound BLU-109, the 1,000-pound MK-83 and the 500-pound MK-82.

With a range of about 15 nautical miles, the autonomous JDAM can be released from almost every aircraft in the Air Force and Navy inventory from a very low or very high altitude in almost any type of weather. Once in the air, the weapon uses its inertial navigation and Global Positioning System to find its target.

In 1991 when Air Force leaders reviewed its performance following Operation Desert Storm they saw an operational need for a precision-guided

weapon that could be used in any weather.

The United States used mostly unguided munitions during the first conflict with Iraq. These weapons were not very accurate, which caused a variety of problems. The Air Force did use some laser-guided weapons, but they were only effective in near perfect weather and were very expensive. So an alternative was needed.

In 1995 McDonnell Douglas, which later merged with Boeing, was picked to develop the low-cost JDAM. The Air Force and Navy were on board to purchase 87,000 tail kits at just \$18,000 a piece – which has since increased to more than 200,000 units because of the weapon's affordable price and operational success.

"JDAM has been one of the most successful acquisition reform programs," said Norma Taylor, program development flight director for the JDAM Squadron. "It has really been an example for other programs."

The weapon was called upon for the first time in Operation Allied Force. B-2 Spirits flew 30-hour, nonstop, round trip missions from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., releasing more than 650 JDAMs during the conflict.

"Accuracy and reliability numbers on

paper is one thing, but seeing results in combat is the real proof that our troops have seen and now they know they can count on JDAM," said Lt. Col. Richard Hyde, JDAM Squadron commander.

The weapon showed it could do even more for the warfighter with the start of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. B-52 Stratofortresses flying high above the battlefield and loaded to the hilt with JDAMs were regularly called in to provide close air support in addition to their regular missions.

"This type of performance has led to using JDAM in roles ... that we didn't envision," Colonel Hyde said. "It has really transformed our bomber fleet and the roles they can perform."

The same was true in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Warfighters knew they could rely on JDAMs and were able to use the 500-pound version of the weapon for the first time.

"Its smaller size really allows us to use the JDAM in more of an urban operation," Ms. Taylor said. "With the war being brought into the cities we really have to be not only precise, but also have very little collateral damage, and the 500-pounder really does that for us."

Its continued performance in the war on terrorism leaves no doubts about the JDAM's importance to the warfighter.



Four A-10 Thunderbolt IIs fly into Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 22, to kick off the beginning of "Hawgsmove 2006." Hawgsmove is a biennial bombing and tactical gunnery competition of the A-10, in which 20 squadrons worldwide come together to fly the Warthog and compete for the honor of the "Best of the Best" in ground attack and target destruction.

Senior Airman Christina Ponte/AFNEWS

Barksdale A-10 pilots win award

BY TECH. SGT. SHERRI SAVANT
917TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Out of 17 teams from around the world, Barksdale's 47th Fighter Squadron won five awards in a biennial A-10 competition event called Hawgsmove 2006 held this year at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

At the award ceremony on May 25,

the four-person team from Barksdale was named Top Bombing Team. Other awards for the team include 3rd place First Run Attack and third place Overall Flight.

In the individual award category, Barksdale's Lt. Col. J.R. Russell took first place in the Top Level Bomber competition and Major Michael Batchell, was the third overall pilot in the competition.

"This competition gives us a chance to test our skills against real-world scenarios," says Major Tito Hetland, flight lead for Barksdale's A-10 team. "The most rewarding part of the competition is the camaraderie that it builds among A-10 pilots, no matter what branch of service they're from."

The competition involved teams from the Air National Guard, Air Force and

Air Force Reserve. The competition tested A-10 pilot skill in target acquisition, weapons delivery, flight leadership and mutual support, much-needed skills being applied in the ongoing global war on terrorism.

Experienced fighter pilots judge tactical execution, gunnery results and target destruction to determine individual and team winners.

Help wanted: AAFES recruits military family members

BY JUDD ANSTEY
AAFES MEDIA

As a military command with a retail mission, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) relies on more than 45,000 military and civilian associates to provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support morale welfare and recreation programs from Mosul to Malmstrom Air Force Base.

What often sets an AAFES facility apart from the competition is a core of dedicated military family members who bring a unique understanding of exchange customers' needs to the BX. These 11,122 active duty military family members now account for nearly a quarter of all AAFES associates, making AAFES one of the largest employers (if not the largest employer) of military families.

"Military family members are already AAFES customers; they understand troops better than anyone," said AAFES' Senior Vice President of Human Resources Mike Westphal. "Having them in our stores is really a win/win for all involved. Customers receive top-notch

service from a member of their community, AAFES shares best practices from store to store through associates who move from location to location and family members take comfort in knowing that they'll receive preferred employment opportunities when they arrive at their new duty station."

Like other Department of Defense employers, AAFES offers employment preference to military spouses and family members. Once employed, AAFES' reinstatement program helps military families when they move from installation to installation by allowing eligible AAFES associates to compete with current associates for in-house jobs.

"That's in addition to having up to 36 months to find a job at the new location, while maintaining eligibility for reinstatement benefits," said Westphal.

As a founding member of the Army Spouse Employment Partnership, AAFES was one of the first employers to sign a statement of support pledging its best efforts to increase employment opportunities and provide training for Army spouses. Out of that partner-

ship, AAFES has developed an aggressive initiative to expand career opportunities for military spouses of all branches called the "Spouse Employment Continuity" program. Started on Feb. 1, 2006, this effort offers non-competitive priority placement to eligible AAFES associates who are spouses of military members, required to relocate with their sponsor. Currently, the provisions of the one-year test apply to spouses relocated to or within the Continental United States. Upon conclusion, and depending on the results of the test, "Spouse Employment Continuity" will be considered for AAFES-wide implementation.

AAFES is currently recruiting for entry-level positions and management positions worldwide in retail, information systems, finance and accounting, logistics, food service/restaurant management, contracting and procurement, and occasionally other career fields. Military family members can find out more about AAFES' "Spouse Employment Preference" program, along with a listing of current job openings, at <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp>.



608th STOS –

Four-flight squadron takes lead in service before self



BY SENIOR AIRMAN NICOLE SPENCE
THE BOMBARDIER

They provide nuclear guidance for operations and aircraft, directly affecting seven bases and 15,000 members – and they do it all with only 21 people.

This small but stout squadron is one of a kind in many ways. The 608th Strategic Operations Squadron has a mission that truly is second to none.

“Our role in the nuclear mission and the wide variety of personnel that we work with day-to-day make our squadron unique. Although our squadron is small, we are very mission focused,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Buxton, 608th STOS superintendent.

The group of 21 provides guidance and management assistance to the 8th Air Force Headquarters’ commander for all nuclear operations, aircraft and cruise missile generation, logistics and security and safety for the B-2, B-52, EP-3, RC-135 and U-2 weapons systems, according to the chief.

“We impact the Air Force mission by monitoring strategic operations. We keep (strategic communications) and 8th Air Force abreast on bomber and reconnaissance readiness,” said Tech. Sgt. Melissa Horton, 608th STOS strategic logistics manager.

Like most squadrons, the 608th STOS is split up in order to cover more ground, and they do it by dividing into four flights.

The first of the four, the Bomber Flight, answers the mail regarding maintenance, weapons and operations. The Reconnaissance Flight is in charge of maintenance and operations for its airframe. A Support Flight handles training, logistic issues and manages the Air Operations Center watch schedule. Lastly a C4 Flight takes care of command and control as well as communication and computer issues.

“The variety of specialties as well as the rank structure leads to days never being the same and many opportunities to learn what other people do in their jobs,” said Tech Sgt. Kimberly Owens, NCO in charge of C4 Strategic

Systems. “Everyday I learn something new. That allows me to become a better person as well as NCO.”

This everyday job satisfaction is not only seen at the lower levels, but all the way up the top as well.

“I have the greatest job in the world,” said Chief Buxton. “I work directly with a group of 21 professionals who get the job done. The variety of expertise in our unit is so vast that no job is too small or unimportant for us to take the lead and run. The people of the STOS are dedicated to the mission and focused on professionalism ... that makes my job easy.”



Senior Airman Sonya Padilla/2d CS

Lt. Col. Rickey Rodgers, 608th Strategic Operations Squadron commander, and Tech. Sgt. Brian Hill, section chief of Command and Control Operations, discuss force management. The 608th STOS is responsible for providing guidance and management assistance to the 8th Air Force Headquarters’ commander for all nuclear operations, aircraft and cruise missile generation, logistics and security and safety.



Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Bingo night

Super Bingo is Tuesday in the Ballroom at the Stripes Lounge. It features eight \$100 cash games, two progressive cash jackpots including a \$6,000 cash jackpot and a hi-definition 50" big screen television with surround sound. The program is open to all ranks, retirees and civilians. Club members get special pricing. Dinner and early bird games begin at 5:30 p.m. Calling for super bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 456-4926 to learn more.

Preschool summer camp

Registration for preschool summer fun camp takes place 1 to 3 p.m. April 10 to May 15 at the part day enrichment center. Children ages 3 to 5 are eligible. Children must be 3 years old prior to March 1 of this year. The camp takes place June 6 to 29 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring immunization records, birth certificate and current leave and earnings statement to registration. The full month's fee is due at registration. Fees are based on total family income and are non-refundable. Call 456-3776 for more information.

Preschool registration

Registration for 2006 to 2007 preschool begins April 10 at the part-day enrichment center. Children ages 3 to 4 are eligible. Children must be 3 years old prior to Sept. 30 of this year. Please bring immunization records, birth certificate, current LES registration and the \$10 registration fee. Two-day, three-day and five-day classes are available. Classes begin Aug. 13. Fees are based on total family income. Call 456-3776 for more information.

National boys, girls week

Stop by the youth center from 2 to 7 p.m. April 8 to celebrate the National Boys and Girls week. The event is free of charge and includes field events and relay challenges at the soccer field as well as a block party in the main youth center's circle driveway. Call 456-3488 for details.

Youth art contest

Youth involved in creating ceramics, drawing, sewing, oil painting, photography, basket weaving, needlepoint, cross stitching or any other skill are invited to participate in the youth center's fine art contest. Submitted work is displayed at the youth center. Register by April 15 to participate. Call 456-3448 to learn more.

Madame Caroline's tea party

Children ages 5 to 9 are invited to attend Madame Caroline's tea party from 10 a.m. to noon April 15 at the youth center. Kids decorate their own

cups, plates, napkin rings and centerpieces before sitting down for the tea party. Girls put on a fashion show in high heels, dresses and beads. Cost is \$4 per child. Call 456-3448 for details.

Scrapbooking classes

Scrapbooking classes are held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday at the arts and crafts center. Cost is \$3 per person. In addition, a wide variety of scrapbooking supplies are available for purchase at discount prices. Call 456-3140 to learn more.

Fly fishing clinic

Learn how to cast and fish with fly fishing gear from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Moon Lake. An instructor from the Louisiana Fly Fishing Association demonstrates everything you need to know about fly fishing. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. Contact 456-7765 or 453-0976 for more information.

Teen orienteering

Teens are invited to learn orienteering Monday at the East Reservation. The event will conclude with a challenge patterned after the hit show "Survivor!" Teens 13 to 17 are eligible to attend. Contact outdoor recreation at 456-7765 or 453-0976 for specifics.

Gator farm

Take a trip to Natchitoches Tuesday to visit the Bayou Pierre Alligator Park. The group departs from the Barksdale Club at 9:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Register at outdoor recreation by today to participate. Call 456-7765 or 453-0976 for more information.

Family camping trip

Take a trip to Moon Lake Wednesday and Thursday for a family camping adventure. Festivities include boating, hiking, fishing, Easter egg hunting and food. Cost is \$70 per family. Register at outdoor recreation by today to attend. Call 456-7765 or 453-0976 for details.

Hank the Hawk Night

Join us from 6 to 8 p.m. April 7 at the outdoor recreation center for Hank Night. Hank explains the benefits of using a fishing pole to catch fish instead of a beak. Kids ages 5 to 12 are eligible to attend. No registration is necessary. Call 456-7765 or 453-0976 to learn more.

Kid fish

Outdoor Recreation hosts an annual kid fish. The event is scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. April 9 at Flag Lake. Cost is \$5, register by April 7 to attend. Contact outdoor recreation at 456-7765 or 453-0976 for details.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!



Tech. Sgt. Brian Hill

Family: Lovely wife and four boys

Hometown: Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

Unit: 8th Air Force 608th STOS

Job title: Section chief C2 operations

Job description: Coordinate Command and Control activities and analyze and report bomber and reconnaissance readiness

Most rewarding job aspect: Knowing that I can make a difference

Goals: To be a great husband, father and mentor

Hobbies: I love to play all sports and coaching my boy's sport teams

Favorite TV show: M.A.S.H.

Favorite performer: Rodney Carrington

Favorite movie: Fast Times at Ridgemont High and Rocky Horror

Favorite sports team: Florida Gators

Favorite book: Band of the Hand

Best day of my life: Everyday when I wake up because its always something new in my household

Favorite dish: Tacos

I'm proudest of: Where I am at in life so far

Person I admire most: My wife – for putting up with me and the boys daily. She is the rock for our boys when I am gone

My best asset is: My sense of humor

Pet Peeve: People who don't use common sense and people who chew with their mouths open

Most influential person in the Air Force and why: All my supervision, old and current. They have all molded me into a well rounded and professional NCO

What motivates my winning attitude? My family

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: Have first sergeants get volunteers to wear or do things unauthorized to see if anyone will correct the person to ensure all are followings regulations

608th STOS at a glance

Group commander:

Col. Kenneth Dorner

First Sergeant:

Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Schwenk

Squadron commander:

Lt. Col. Rickey Rodgers

Squadron Motto:

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At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice. Admission: Adults \$3.50, children \$1.75 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)

“Firewall”

Rated: PG-13
Playing: 7 p.m. today
Run time: 105 minutes
Cast: Harrison Ford, Paul Bettany
Synopsis: Jack is a bank security expert whose specialty is designing theft-proof financial computer systems. But there’s a hidden vulnerability in the system he didn’t account for — himself. When a criminal mastermind kidnaps his family, Jack is forced to find a flaw in his system and steal \$100 million. With the lives of his wife and children at stake, he has only hours to find a loophole in the thief’s own impenetrable system.



“Curious George”

Rated: G
Playing: 2 p.m. Saturday
Run time: 86 minutes
Cast: Will Ferrell, Drew Barrymore
Synopsis: The adventures of Curious George, the inquisitive little guy with an insatiable taste for adventure. George’s spunky and fun-loving nature endears him to new friends, but also lands him in a series of misadventures.

“The Pink Panther”

Rated: PG
Playing: 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Run time: 92 minutes
Cast: Steve Martin, Beyoncé Knowles
Synopsis: A world-famous soccer coach has been murdered and his priceless, legendary ring has been stolen — a ring set with the stunning diamond known as the “Pink Panther.” The French government needs a master detective to solve the crime and recover the gem — but he’s not available, so they recruit none other than Inspector Jacques Clouseau.



The streets of Barksdale

*Twining Drive
 formerly First Street South
 and K Street
 renamed Feb. 17, 1988*

*Named for Gen. Nathan Twining
 (1887-1982)*

Joining the Army as an enlisted soldier, Gen. Nathan Twining graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1918. After serving in the infantry, he transferred to the Air Service in 1923 and received his wings the next year. During World War II, General Twining rose steadily through the ranks and held numerous important commands including the Thirteenth and Fifteenth Air Forces and the Mediterranean Allied Strategic Air Forces. After serving as the fourth chief of staff of the Air Force (June 1953 to June 1957), the general received appointment as the first Air Force general to hold the post of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He served in this position from August 1957 to September 1960 before retiring. (Courtesy 2d Bomb Wing Historian)



Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Ave. and Curtiss Rd. 456-8400 — Reservations are required for all events.

TAP seminar

The Transition Assistance Program is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The program is a three-day workshop conducted by the Department of Labor designed to help military members and their spouses make sound career decisions as they transition from military service to civilian life. Learn the skills needed to complete a successful self-directed job search. It is recommended to take advantage of this workshop 12 to 24 months prior to leaving the service.

Pre-separation briefing

Federal law directs members separating or retiring to attend the pre-separation briefing as soon as possible. Better preparation leads to a smoother transition back to civilian life. This mandatory briefing informs members of the resources available as they make this transition.

Chapel information

Chapel One — 275 Barksdale Blvd. E., 456-2111
Chapel Two — 724 Douhet Dr., 456-2466

Job opening

The Barksdale gospel service needs a gospel musician and director. Call 456-2111 for more information.

Palm Sunday services, April 9

Mass, 8:45 a.m., Chapel Two and 11:30 a.m., Chapel One
 Liturgical Worship Service, 9 a.m., Chapel One
 Community Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Chapel Two
 Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, noon, Chapel Two

Catholic services

Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Chapel One, followed by Lenten sacrificial meal of soup, salad, and bread; savings on evening meal going to Operation Rice Bowl.
 Daily Mass, 11:35 a.m., Mondays through Fridays, Chapel One
 Confession, 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Chapel Two
 Mass, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Chapel Two
 Mass, 9 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two
 Mass, 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel One
 Palm Sunday anticipated mass, 5:30 p.m. April 8, Chapel Two
 Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Adoration of the Eucharist, 7 p.m. until midnight, April 13, Chapel Two

Protestant services

Lenten Devotional followed by Lenten Sacrificial Meal of soup, salad, and bread, 11:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays of Lent, Barksdale Room at the Barksdale Club.
 Liturgical communion service, 9 a.m., Sunday, Chapel One
 Community worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two
 Inspirational gospel worship service, noon, Sunday, Chapel Two
 A Service of Tenebrae, 6:30 p.m. April 13 at Chapel One

Dining information

Dining hall information

Call 456-7733 for menu information from the Red River Inn dining facility. Call 456-4769 for the flight kitchen menu information.



SVS loses close one to AMXS

After 25-23 loss, team still clings to playoff hopes

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

After forfeiting its first set, 2d Services Squadron was defeated 25-23 by the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Tuesday at the sports and fitness center.

With the loss, SVS has dropped two of its last five games.

"We were on a winning streak so it was kind of hard to drop that first set the way we did," said head coach Lussani Jannah. "We've just got to get all of our players out here on time."

AMXS coach Guy Larrabee said his team has suffered through not getting enough players out all season.

"Our team has changed since the start of the season," he said. "It made a difference getting everyone out. Our numbers were hurting at the beginning of the season, now we have more people out."

Larrabee, whose team recorded their first win, said he'll take the win but would have liked to play the first set.

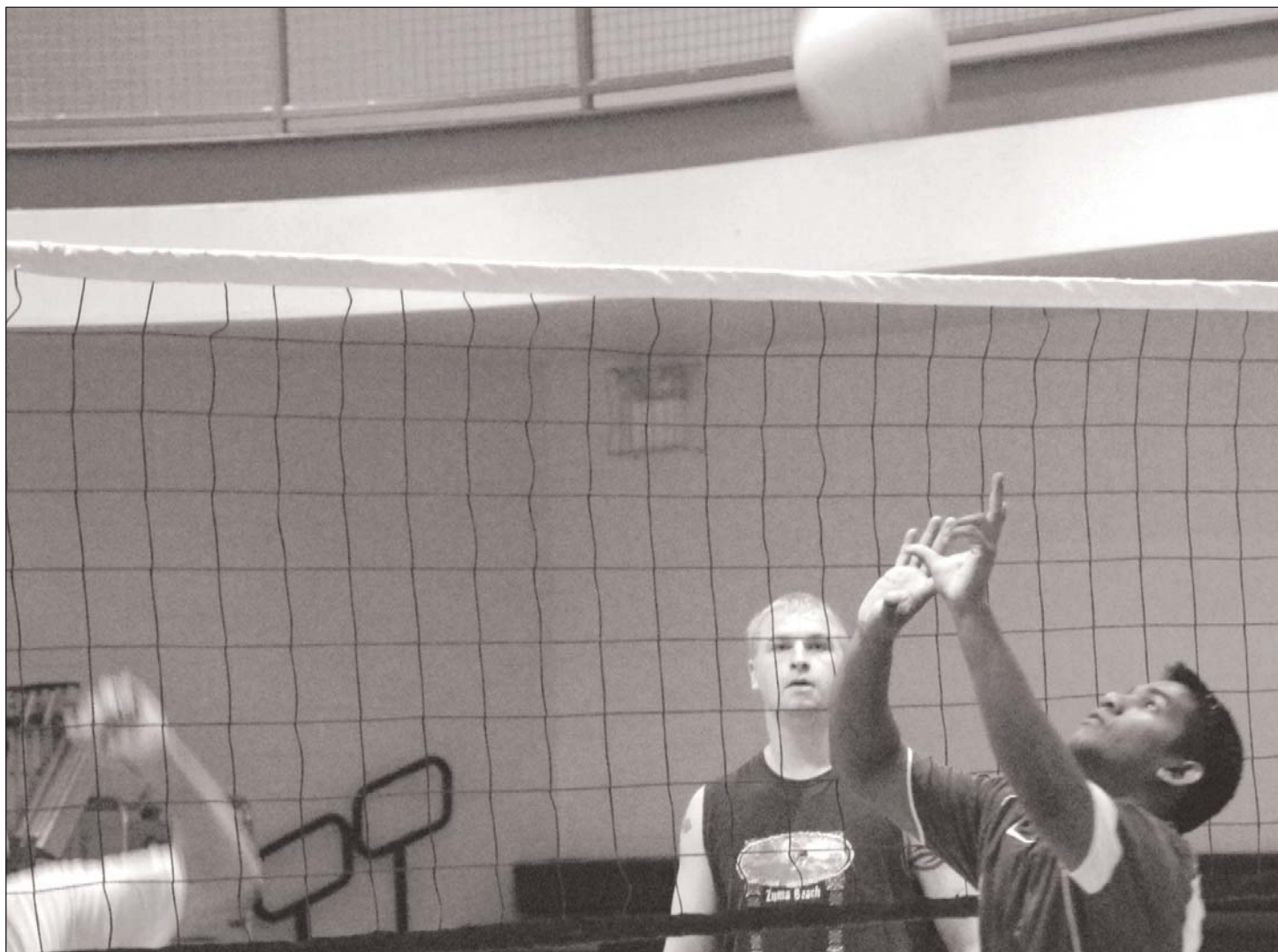
"Getting a forfeit in the first set really helped us win, but we don't want to win like that," he said. "We'd rather just play."

The second set started with both teams fighting to get ahead, but no one could get more than a 3-point lead.

SVS played hard to catch AMXS but every time it tied the score AMXS would pull away.

The teams fought back and forth but in the end AMXS just had too much firepower and pulled away for the victory.

Jannah was proud of the way his team played to keep itself in the game.



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Tariq Hassanali, 2d Services Squadron, sets the ball during Tuesday's game. After a forfeit on the first game, due to lack of players, SVS also lost the second game to 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 25-23.

"We played really well considering we only had 5 players," he said. "It didn't help that we spotted them three points right off the bat either."

"It would have been different tonight had we played the first set," Jannah added. "Not to take anything away from them (AMXS) though, they played great."

Larrabee said his team's recent play has been inspiring to himself.

"Last week we played a really tough game against one of

the better teams, 49 TES, that made us feel really good about our team," Larrabee said. "We're getting better. We just need to work on teamwork and getting all our players out on the court."

Jannah, who's team is on the bubble for playoffs said a victory would have helped his team's playoff push but it will overcome the adversity.

"We're the eighth seed right now, we have to get hot ... get on a win streak," he said.

Sports shorts

Paintball

Saturday paintball

Paintball is now available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday at the new field at Clear Lake Park. Cost is \$12 per person and will admit participants for the day. Rental gun, mask and 100 paintballs are also included in the admission price. Only paint purchased at the field is permissible. Additional paint is \$4 for 100, \$15 for 500, \$30 for 1,000 and \$60 for 2,000. No sign-ups are necessary. Call 456-7765 for more information.

Off-field paintball paint

Off-field paintball paint is now available for purchase at outdoor recreation and equipment rental. Purchase 500 paintballs for only \$11 or a case consisting of 2,000 paintballs for \$35. Call 456-7765 for details.

Tax day fun run

All are invited to participate in the fitness center's tax day fun run 7 a.m. April 14. The group will meet at the new two-mile track and run the new track in addition to the three-quarter mile track behind the golf course. Call 456-4135 for details

3-D archery

3-D archery tournaments take place April 23, May 28 and June 25. Cost is \$25 for professionals, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members, youth and cubs and free for peewees. Participants without base privileges must register by the Monday before the event. International Bowhunting Organization scoring of 12-10-8 with one arrow 10 and 40 practice range. Call 456-7765 or e-mail outdoor recreation@barksdaleservices.com for more information.

Fit Factor

Fit Factor, the Air Force Services new youth fitness initiative program, encourages healthy choices and teaches youth the value of their lives. Being fit will put youth in touch with their bodies, increase their self-esteem and help them establish the desire to set personal goals. Fit Factor is a web-based program for youth that encourages being active and making healthy choices. Call 456-3448 for details.

Mommy and Me

The fitness center is home to a program for expectant mothers called the Mommy and Me program. This new circuit class improves the expectant mother's fitness levels to facilitate an easier delivery. Classes are held at the fitness center each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. Call 456-4135 for details.

Baby Boot Camp

New mothers are invited to attend the fitness center's Baby Boot Camp program.

The interactive circuit program involves both baby and mother by substituting the weights with the baby. This program aids in bonding and quick recovery time for the mother. Classes are held at the fitness center each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1 to 2 p.m. Call 456-4135 for details.

Mudbugs hockey

Playoff tickets are available at Information, Tickets and Tours, located at the arts and crafts center, for \$9 per ticket. Tickets and tours stops selling tickets at 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. No tickets are available at ITT on Saturdays. Call 456-1866 for more information.